

Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday - February 11, 2013 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall
Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 01/28/13
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Chris Williams - Agency of Transportation: Castleton Bridge BRF 015-2(10)
- 5) Road Report
- 6) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2013
 - Budget FY 2014
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Tom Beatty and Jeff King. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Joe Blair, Road Foreman; Caryl Morash; Village Trustees Gerri Harrison and Paul Donaldson; Chris Williams from the Agency of Transportation; Susan Schreibman and Kris Hughes from the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Caryl Morash was present to inquire about the proposed pedestrian facilities project for the East Poultney Green and Bridge over the Gorge. The sidewalk project will be located on the Bird Street side of the Green. She mentioned that she thought a permit was needed from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the project and the engineering firm doing the scoping study did not respond to an earlier inquiry by her. She distributed information from the US Army Corps of Engineers entitled "Flood Plain Management & Planning Assistance". Mrs. Morash mentioned that part her property was located in the Flood Zone. She also complained that water coming off the road was creating problems in her basement and it was not the water coming from her roof draining to the foundation. She mentioned that the road needed to be re-engineered. The Town added a self contained concrete box storm drain on the edge of her property that connected to a culvert that went under the road and drained into the Green. At the time she had no complaints and mentioned to the Road crew that it was working fine.

Chris Williams - Agency of Transportation (AOT): Castleton Bridge BRF 015-2(10): Chris Williams was present to discuss and inform the Poultney community about AOT's Accelerated Bridge Program and to request permission from the respected Village Trustees and the Poultney Selectboard to use 1.1 miles of local roads as a detour for an upcoming bridge project located on VT Route 30 North in the Town of Castleton. The project is expected to begin in 2015. AOT is hoping to get 25 % of the bridge projects into the Accelerated Bridge Program. The program estimates to reduce the design phase for a project by 3 years. Mr. Williams discussed two options for the construction of the project. The bridge closure option with a detour or constructing the bridge with one lane alternating closure. The estimated savings for closing the bridge altogether is approximately \$ 500,000. The expected detour would be approximately 4 weeks. The Town could request some assistance for traffic control during those periods and also request a specific time period for construction. Discussion followed. Chris Williams mentioned that the Town could request additional police presence for speed control and DMV to enforce weight limits. Jeff King made a motion to approve the request to use York Street (the Town portion of the road) as a detour for the project. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gerri Harrison spoke on behalf of the Village Trustees and commented that the full Board would look at the

issue at a later time taking into consideration a time frame that would work best for the community.

Road Report: The following was reported:

- 1) The Agency of Transportation is encouraging Towns to adopt new state approved Road and Bridge Standards before April 12th, 2013.
- 2) Bridge & culvert grants and Class 2 Highway Paving grants are due by April 12th, 2013.
- 3) The highway crew has been plowing and sanding roads as needed. Equipment maintenance continues between storm events.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the January Financial Report, prepared by Susan Kasuba, were distributed.
- 2) Copies of the State Solid Waste Transfer Station Report for Calendar Year 2012 were distributed. The Town recycled an estimated 246 tons of waste during 2012. Discussion followed. If the Town were to increase recycling by 30 % through the zero sort program, an additional savings of about \$ 43,000 could be realized.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: Copies of the renewal Tobacco and Liquor License for the East Poultney Grocery Store was presented. Jeff King made a motion to approve the application. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Jeff King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/**Jonas Rosenthal**